

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2009  
Meeting began 7:15 pm and finished 7:45pm

The Building and Grounds sub-committee of the Parks and Recreation Commission met to discuss the issues of field user fees and field use eligibility criteria. Those present were Committee Chair, Wayne Tinker, Committee Members; Jon Chase and Phil Kearns, Parks and Recreation Director, Paul Roche and Assistant Director/Parks, Bob Schneider.

After discussion of the field maintenance budget and historical and projected field user levels the Committee voted to increase the field user fees from \$30 to \$33 effective with the start of the Town's 2009/2010 fiscal year July 1. It was agreed that this change would be communicated to the field user groups at the February field allocation meeting and by mail to all user groups. It would be reported to the full Commission at the January Commission meeting later that night.

After discussion of the "Criteria for Field Use Eligibility" the committee voted to eliminate the criteria exemption that allowed youth teams to have unlimited out of town residents if no comparable program exists in the town. The Committee agreed to keep in the provision allowing up to two out of town residents per team. It was agreed that this should take affect August 1, 2009, after the upcoming spring season. It was also agreed that this would be communicated to the field user groups at the upcoming field allocation meeting in February and by mail to all user groups. It would be reported to the full commission at the January Commission meeting later that night.

The former and revised provision 8 to this criteria follows:

**Former:**

**8. Teams must consist of Ridgefield residents (no more than 2 non-residents per any team). *An exception to this criteria will be made if the club can show evidence that the players in excess of two from other towns have no comparable program available for them to participate in within their own town or area.***

**Revised:**

**8. Teams must consist of Ridgefield residents (no more than 2 non-residents per any team).**